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SECRETARIES ELECTED

The Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss and the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Spike, both of New York City, were elected General Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches on April 16. Both will take office on July 1.

Announcement of the two appointments was made by the Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board at the close of a two-day session in Riverdale Church of the executive committee of the Board's directors.

Dr. Hotchkiss, currently secretary for the Town and Country Church, will become head of the Higher Education, American Missionary Association Division of the Board. This division, with an annual budget in excess of \$1,000,000, is responsible for race relations work, missions in Puerto Rico, campus ministries to students in 200 state and private universities and colleges, and supervision of the American Missionary Association program of higher education for Negroes in the South.

Dr. Spike, now the Board's Secretary for Evangelism, will become General Secretary for Program. He will coordinate all the work of the Board and will also be responsible for developing new fields of home missionary work and for activities of the Board in mass communications.

Dr. Spike, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., is a graduate of Denison University, Colgate Rochester Divinity School and Columbia University. He was pastor of Baptist churches in Ohio and New York City.

From 1954 to 1956 Dr. Spike was minister of Judson Memorial Church in New York, establishing a program of rehabilitation for disturbed and anti-



MRS. ARNOLD SLATER, Moderator



W. J. STRICKLAND, Treasurer

Sixth Annual Meeting Of Southeast Convention Held

The sixth annual meeting of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, organized in 1949, was held April 19-20 in the Lanett CC Church. There were 216 registered delegates present, and approximately 40 visitors.

Officers elected were Mrs. Arnold Slater, Moderator; Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Moderator - elect; W. J. Strickland, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ed. A. Albright, Registrar.

Mrs. Slater is the first woman to be elected Moderator of the Southeast Convention.

Committee chairmen and members were elected as follows: **Committee on Ministry and Churches:** Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, chairman, with Rev. N. A. Long, Rev. Ralph Worley, Rev. A. P. Wilson and Rev. John D. Schofield.

Committee on Survey and Church

Aid: Rev. Arnold Slater, chairman, with H. Beaird, Rev. Herbert Long, Rev. Jas. T. McAdams and Rev. W. A. Blankenhorn.

Committee on Evangelism: Rev. John B. Crutcher, chairman, with Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, Mrs. Ione Kirkland, Stanley Riley and John Henley.

Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education: Rev. Charles W. Bell, chairman, with Rev. Clarence Baldwin, Rev. Kermit Harris, Mrs. Rufus Obrecht, and Tom Crenshaw.

Christian Education and Youth Work: Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, chairman, with Mrs. Ed. L. Askren, Jr., W. R. Green, Jr., Pete Sanford and Mrs. Mae Sides.

Committee on Christian Social Action: Rev. W. Raymond Berry, chairman, with Rev. Clyde C. Flannery,

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Dr. Widenhouse To Be Rocky Mountain President

Dr. Philip M. Widenhouse, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, has been named as the president of Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana.

In his work with church-related colleges, Dr. Widenhouse has had an opportunity to know the value and the problems of the church-related college. He has had wide experience, and has the academic background and leadership for this service.

Recognition For Dr. Frazier

The Board of Home Missions has as its chief concern the whole life of the churches — their ministers as well as the laity. One expression of this concern is the pastors' schools, held each summer at LaForet in Colorado, and at Deering in New Hampshire. These schools grew in large part out of the initial efforts of Dr. Wm. F. Frazier who, in 1940, was the first Executive Vice-president of the Board when the first pastors' school was held.

In July, Dr. Frazier, Treasurer of the BHM, will be honored for his long and valuable service to our denomination. Dr. Frazier will retire at the end of this year as treasurer.

Named as Dr. Frazier's successor is Dr. Howard E. Spragg, general secretary of administration for the Board of Home Missions.

Refreshment: Mind and Soul

Each summer at LaForet and Deering, parish ministers may assemble under the most able Christian thinkers of our day to refresh themselves spiritually and intellectually. The universal experience is that ministers return to their parishes with vigor, insight and new commitment to the work of the Lord of Life.

The pastors' school at LaForet is open to ministers of the Southeast Convention, and will be held July 9-30. Those interested should write at once to Supt. Lightbourne. These schools may be attended at practically no cost to ministers who are recommended by their superintendents.

Student Summer Service

Student Summer Service of the Congregational Christian Churches was begun in 1915. Through the years it has been serving local communities and giving young people an opportunity to invest their talents under the inspiration of the slogan: "Using My Life Where It Will Count For the Most." Many of our greatest leaders devoted their summers to Student Summer Service in their school years. Ministers' children lead the list of those who serve. The students come from every state and serve from coast to coast and in Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Our churches have found it appropriate to take offerings for the support of this outstanding service on Children's Day, June 8th of this year, since much of the work is done with children. These offerings have traditionally supported this important ministry of the Board of Home Missions with the local conferences and associations sharing the expense; and on the offerings depend, to a great extent, the maintenance and expansion of the Student Summer Service program.

The four SSS workers in the Southeast Convention this summer will be Phoebe Pemberton of East Tallassee Church and Martha Kirby of Roanoke Rock Stand Church, both students at Southern Union College; Peggy Hammock of Shawmut Todd Church and Mary Sue Johnson of Roanoke Lowell Church, both high school students who will assist the college workers.

If your church takes an offering on June 8, Children's Day, the money should be sent to the Convention Office marked for "Student Summer Service."

For A Successful VCS Program

Why is one Vacation Church School a success and another only so-so? There are many factors that go together to make a successful school, but the secret ingredient can be stated in two words — EARLY PLANNING.

This is not a moment too soon to begin making plans for the school in your community. Write to Rev. Annie R. Campbell at the Convention Office if you want to have a Student Summer Service Worker for your school. Or write her about materials if you plan to conduct your own school this year.

New Biennial Emphasis On Higher Education Planned

The Rev. Harold T. Janes, minister of the First Central Congregational Church of Omaha, Neb., has been appointed by the Board of Home Missions and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to lead the denomination in the next biennial emphasis on higher education. He will direct the campaign to raise \$7,500,000 in the next two years.

During the fund drive, individual members of Congregational Christian Churches throughout the country will be asked to make a special contribution to support higher education.

The fund will be used to expand the campus ministries in the state and private universities and colleges, to establish scholarships, and to support theological education at home and abroad.

The Congregational Christian Churches historically have had a deep concern for higher education. In this country they were responsible for the founding of such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst, Oberlin, Fisk University, Howard University and many others. Among the outstanding foreign colleges and universities growing out of the denomination's missionary endeavors are Doshisha University and Kobe College in Japan, Jaffna College in Ceylon, Aleppo College in Syria, and the American University in Beirut.

Dates For Summer Meetings

Kentucky - Tennessee Family Camp at Pomona, Tenn., June 8-14. Dean, Rev. Clyde C. Flannery; Business Manager, Rev. Harold W. Freer.

Alabama - NW Florida Young People at Southern Union College July 27 - Aug. 2. Dean, Rev. Charles W. Bell; Business Manager, Rev. J. Kermit Harris.

Georgia - South Carolina Conference at Roosevelt State Park Aug. 17-23. Dean, Rev. Sam Nelson; Mrs. Eldee Sullivan.

Work Camp at Southern Union College August 3-16; at Bricks, N. C. Aug. 17-30.

Georgia - South Carolina Women's Retreat July 19-20 at Perry, Ga.

Ala. - NW Florida Women's Retreat at Southern Union College July 25-26.

Annual Meeting . . .

Allan Saunders, Mrs. Fred Muhleman and Miss Patsy Yancey.

Member - at - Large to the Board of Directors, Mrs. Yancey Sears.

Board of Trustees of Southern Union College: Mrs. F. P. Brasseur, Dr. J. Danieleley, Dr. Emily S. S. Dexter and Rev. Lillian S. Gregory.

Elected as members-at-large to the General Council meeting June 24-30 in Boston, Mass., were Mrs. Arnold Slater and Walter A. Graham. Delegates elected by the conferences and associations last fall were: Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Miss Dora Brackin, Rev. Herbert Long, Rev. A. C. Nelson, Dr. Kendrick Grobel, and Yancey Sears. Alternate delegates were Rev. W. A. Blankenhorn and Dr. Thomas Anderson. The Superintendent, the Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., is a delegate by virtue of his position.

An impressive installation ceremony for the superintendent was held on Saturday afternoon. Officers and committee chairmen and members were installed on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jettie Logan was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Arnold Slater as president of the Women's Fellowship. A. B. Snell was reelected president of the Churchmen's Fellowship.

During the meeting of the Church Builders Club, a check was presented to the Brookmeade Congregational Church of Nashville, representing the pledges received from members in the amount of \$957.75. The Rev. Herbert Long was elected president.

The guest speakers, Dr. Ray Gibbons,

Mrs. W. B. Williams and Thomas Scott Avary, brought information and inspiration, evidencing a deep spiritual commitment.

The National President of the Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Williams, accented the importance of the tasks done for the work of the church by women's groups and inspired the delegates to increase their activities.

The laymen were challenged to make practical application of their Christian faith in their everyday lives by textile executive and churchman Thomas Scott Avary.

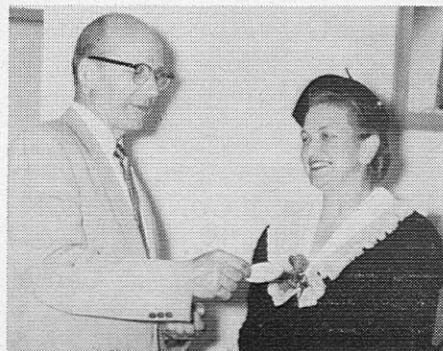
The importance of the work of the Council for Christian Social Action to our Christian World Mission was stressed by Dr. Gibbons. Of special interest was the illustrated lecture on his recent trip to Russia.

The Lanett Church proved a gracious host, providing wonderful food and many thoughtful gestures of hospitality to make the delegates comfortable and welcome. The lovely flowers added to the beauty of the Lanett Church.

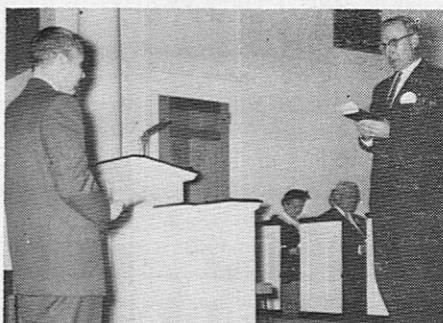
President Walter A. Graham reported on the program of Southern Union College, telling of the many ways the college and the convention work together.

Rev. Arnold Slater, president of the Congregational Christian Foundation at Vanderbilt University, urged churches to support the scholarship fund for educating ministers in the south.

The Southern Unionaires quartet added to the Sunday morning service. Their fame is spreading as they sing in churches in the South.



Dr. Ray Gibbons talking with Mrs. Walter Bernard Williams between sessions.



The Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. receiving the "charge to the Superintendent" from the Rev. Arnold Slater during the installation service. Also participating in this service were the Rev. Carroll Lewis, Dr. Thomas Anderson, Walter A. Graham, Odell Yancey, Dr. Paul Reynolds, Rev. Claude W. Warren, Rev. Herbert Long, Rev. H. K. Harris, Rev. A. C. Nelson, Rev. B. E. Knight, Arthur B. Snell, Mrs. Arnold Slater, Melvin Roquemore, Mrs. W. B. Williams, and Dr. Ray Gibbons.



Officers of the Churchmen's Fellowship: A. B. Snell, president; James Dollar, vice-president; John Hellams, secretary-treasurer; "Devotional Life"—Stanley Riley, Lawrence Moncus and Wilson Rodgers; "Christian Stewardship"—Tom Crenshaw, Bill Thornton

and James McAdams; "Missionary Education"—Rufus Farrar, John Wilder and Herman Cook; "Social Action"—Allan Saunders, Cleve Stephens and Rufus Obrecht; "Denominational Loyalty"—Odell Yancey, Charlie Miller and Harry Barr.



Officers of the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention, left to right: Miss Dora C. Brackin, secretary-treasurer; Miss Miriam Heermans, Kentucky-Tennessee president; Mrs. G. F. "Jettie" Logan, SEC president; Mrs. James T. McAdams, Georgia-South Carolina president; Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, Alabama - NW Florida president.

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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

What do the boys and girls in your church school think of when you mention the Sioux Indians? Do visions of galloping red men pursuing army officers across the TV screens pop into their heads — or is it a lone brave riding across the prairie seeking out the buffalo herd? How many of them know what the Indian Americans are like today, crowded on reservations that sustain them at bare existence or adrift in the cities trying to adjust to a new and sometimes frightening way of life. Someone has said that the Sioux people are now like a man swimming in the middle of a stream who cannot go back to the shore from which he came but does not know how to go to the opposite bank. Your church is working with Indian Americans — let us examine what it is doing and what more we might do.

Through the Board of Home Missions and the Council for Social Action we are attempting to influence legislation on behalf of our Sioux friends. Scholarships are provided for young people. Some direct aid is given to churches by their conference. And an educational program has been started in the churches with an emphasis on leadership training. Each year interested teachers attend the Black Hills workshop for

THIS WORKED FOR US

Do you have difficulty securing teachers for your church school? We did — until this past year. Our Christian Education Committee, after several months discussion, decided that a new emphasis and approach was needed. They decided we should "play up" church school teaching; emphasize that it is not an easy job, and that only the best teachers are wanted in our church school, only those who are willing to take the training course planned by our Christian Education Committee and attend quarterly departmental training meetings. With that background, they also decided on a goal of

guidance and training. Miss Leila Anderson, special representative of the Board of Home Missions' Division of Christian Education, recently spent several months visiting the Indian American churches. Miss Anderson writes:

"The church can do something; both in its influence in governmental policies and in its concern, understanding, and help on local situations. It can give the 'cup of cold water' for what at times seems a bottomless pit of human need and yet at the same time work on long range programs to guide and challenge the people to face and work solutions with a sense of divine mission."

Here are some ways in which we may all extend the "cup of cold water" to our Indian friends through Friendly Service. 1) Good used clothing, especially for school age children. 2) School supplies — pencils, crayons, notebooks, ball point pens, etc. 3) Bibles — RSV, Bible story books (ages 4 to 14), and Church School materials. 4) Audio-Visual aids for church schools.

The above material may be sent to the following ministers who work with the Indian people in South Dakota: Rev. Philip Frazier, Box 216, McLaughlin, S. D.; Rev. Arnold Brown, Wood, S. D.; Rev. James Parker, Dupree, S. D.; Rev. James L. Selmsier, Winner, S. D.; Rev. Frank Workentine, Eagle Butte, S. D. Money for any of these items may also be sent. Packages should be sent prepaid and should include a list of contents and the name and address of the church or individual sending it.

two teachers per class; the major teacher would plan together with his assisting teacher for the entire quarter's lessons. The assisting teacher would come to the first three classes in the fall to become acquainted with the class; a regular schedule would be worked out to the satisfaction of these two cooperating teachers, enabling the major teacher to take a Sunday off every five weeks, on the average. In addition to this, the helping teacher would be a trained substitute in case of illness or emergency at any time—

Our committee surprised even itself. The entire church school staff was all lined up by July! Books were given to these teachers to be reading over the summer months, at their leisure — background reading on the psychology of teaching each particular age group. In September, four training sessions were held, once weekly, and two outside leaders led our discussions on "How to prepare a lesson," "How to teach a lesson," "Creative activities in teaching," and "Music and worship in the church school."

The week before church school opened in October, the teachers met by departments and went over their lessons for the quarter, sharing ideas and suggestions on the best way to present each lesson. Similar departmental meetings were held the first week in January, and again prior to the next quarter's work.

It does work. We are a small church of about 140 members. We have increased our church school from 97 to 154 this year!

Mrs. Paul H. Burditt
Pride's Corner Union Church, Westbrook (reprinted from *Maine Christian Pilgrim*)

A PRAYER FOR EVERY MAN FOR EVERY DAY

Grant me, O Lord, to know what I ought to know, to love what I ought to love, to praise what delights Thee most, to value what is precious in Thy sight, to hate what is offensive to Thee. Do not suffer me to judge according to the sight of my eyes, nor to pass sentence according to the hearing of the ears of ignorant men; but to discern with a true judgment between things visible and spiritual, and above all things, to inquire what is the good pleasure of Thy will.

—Thomas A. Kempis

GRAHAM INAUGURATED AS NINTH PRESIDENT

The Southern Union College was very much in the news, and in the minds and hearts of the people of the Southeast Convention, as Walter A. Graham was inaugurated as the 9th president of the 36-year-old institution on Saturday, April 12. Thirty-nine colleges across the nation were represented in the academic procession as well as 19 church organizations, professional education groups, the trustees and the faculty.

President Graham was inducted into office by W. Pressley Ingram of Birmingham, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In his inaugural address, President Graham witnessed to his dreams for the Southern Union of the future. He cited the overwhelming need for new buildings on the campus, a financial undergirding which would guarantee future growth, an emphasis on the cultural aspects of liberal education and the development of a community concerned as education translated into life.

In the afternoon, Dr. J. Earl Daniel, president of Elon College, N. C., outlined the opportunities for Christian teaching in the American educational scene. Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister and secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian churches, in the closing address of the inaugural festivities, spoke of the churches' stake in higher education.

Music for the day was provided by the college music department under the direction of Madam Lilly Justus.

Echoes Of Southern Union

The campus never looked better, especially the newly painted and draped auditorium in Elder Hall, nor was the weatherman more cooperative than on Saturday, April 12, when approximately 300 people gathered together for inauguration of the 9th president.

Flowers for the occasion were sent by air mail from Rev. Masao Yamada in Honolulu, Hawaii; and also by the Alumni Association of Kentucky Wesleyan College, the alma mater of the new president, the college being personally represented by the son of the new president and Assistant to the President, Douglas Sasser.

The inaugural luncheon was served in Kimball Hall. Guests were greeted



W. Pressley Ingram, President Walter A. Graham, Rev. Miss Lillian S. Gregory and Dr. Fred Hoskins

at the door by President and Mrs. Graham, Vice-president Douglas Wasson and his fiancée, Miss Jo Peacock, Dean and Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave and Dean and Mrs. Henry Diehl.

The afternoon inaugural convocation featured organ music by Miss Ermaleen Graham, oldest daughter of President Graham, vocal music by the Southern Union Trio and Quartet with challenging and inspiring addresses by Dr. J. Earl Daniel and Dr. Fred Hoskins.

The inaugural ceremonies brought to a conclusion the annual two-day meeting of the Board of Trustees. Members present were Dr. Emily S. Dexter, Mrs. May L. Flickinger, Lynn H. Blair, W. P. Ingram (chairman), Dr. Vernon S. Loesch, Vernon L. Carter (secretary), Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., John B. Stevenson, Mrs. A. D. Harry, Rev. Charles W. Bell and Dr. Paul R. Reynolds.

The college was happily represented by a different faculty member at each of the recent women's rallies throughout the convention. The college welcomes the opportunity to be a member of this team and is grateful for all the interest and support of the women in all of our churches.

Commencement exercises will be held on May 31 and June 1. All of the people of the Southeast Convention are cordially invited to attend any and all of these college functions.

The coming weeks will bring many visitors to the campus — youth work camps, ministers' convocation, women's retreat and others. All will be most

Women's Rallies Held

The North Georgia Rally of Women's Fellowship was held April 7 at Sardis Church in Oxford, Ga. Representatives from Atlanta Central, Atlanta Center, County Line Demorest, Macedonia, Duncan's Creek and Sardis churches were graciously welcomed by Mrs. W. H. Taylor, wife of the minister of Sardis.

Elected as officers for the coming year were Mrs. Grace Puckett, president; Mrs. Jack Hinton, vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Percy, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Chaffin, treasurer.

Those participating in the program were Mrs. Ed L. Askren, Jr.; the Rev. Miss Lillian S. Gregory; the Rev. Miss Marian Stickney of Connecticut, now of Demorest; the Rev. Miss Annie Campbell; Mrs. James T. McAdams, state president; Robert M. Adams, professor at Southern Union College; Mrs. A. P. Wilson; and Rev. H. C. Eddleman.

—Mrs. C. L. Percy, secretary

Rallies were also held in seven other areas of the Southeast Convention, with the Rev. Miss Lillian S. Gregory as guest speaker. Miss Annie Campbell attended each rally, transporting the speaker and the state president. Miss Gladys Green of Miami, Fla., was a visitor at seven meetings, speaking twice.

Officers elected were as follows: **Central Georgia**, held at Richland: Mrs. T. L. Wood, president; Mrs. Jack Daniel, vice president; Mrs. Guy Bass, secretary - treasurer.

South Georgia, held at Baxley Friendship: Mrs. Lloyd Vickers, president; Mrs. Lester Shaw, vice president; Mrs. Earl Hand, secretary-treasurer.

Central Alabama, at East Tallahassee: Mrs. Floyd Carmack, president; Mrs. Lavina Lackey, vice president; Mrs. Nan Heida, secretary-treasurer.

North Alabama at Garden City: Mrs. Locke White, president; Mrs. Wm. Keller, vice president; Mrs. H. F. Steinbauer, secretary-treasurer.

cordially welcomed and we hope the visits will be mutually enjoyable and profitable.

If you haven't been to see us lately, come and be surprised by the appearance of our campus and buildings. Truly, no place can do so much with so little.

—Walter A. Graham, President

Church News.....

On Maundy Thursday evening, April 3, 26 new members were received into the Atlanta Central Church.

Mr. Carl N. Sanford, member of the Board of Trustees, has prepared a most interesting graph to visualize the financial income and outgo of the church at each of the board meetings.

Two beautiful solid brass floor-based candelabra, of the world - famous Sudbury ware, are now a part of the equipment of "The House of Inspiration," coming as a memorial to Dr. Elizabeth I. Parsons from friends.

New carpeting has been installed in the Sanctuary, as a gift of the Couples Club, church members, and proceeds from the parish dinners.

At the Sunday School staff meeting, plans were made for the annual picnic, for purchasing new equipment, and for "family night" programs next year. Mrs. Ed. L. Askren, Jr. and Mrs. Richard Churchill are the superintendents.

The Rev. Annie Campbell participated in the impressive dedicatory service of The Woman's Gift at the April meeting of the Woman's Guild. Programs for the year have included Mrs. Rex Neely, chairman of the Health Committee of the United Church Women, as commentator for the film, "The Road Back," bringing to the fore the current needs and problems in mental health; Frank M. White at the piano with his own compositions; Dr. H. L. Johnson, who spoke on "Contemporary Relevance of the Christian Faith"; Dr. Kkai Sing Chang brought a moving Easter message; Edw. T. Hayes enriched the program with several vocal selections, accompanied by Mrs. J. F. Montgomery.

The Junior Pilgrim Fellowship program has been varied and interesting. Perhaps the most outstanding feature has been the Workshop periods, directed twice each month by Mrs. Ray L. Moseley, preparing cloth picture books for use in a crippled children's hospital.

The Senior PF presented a farcial melodrama, "The Case of the Missing Pearls." In the regular Sunday night program, topics of discussion have been: "Jesus' Teachings About Others," "What We Believe About the Devil,"

"What's Wrong With the World?," "The United Christian Movement," "Who's a Cheater?" and "Worship — What and How?" Movies seen have been "The Broken Mask" and colored slides of Japan.

—from The Messenger

Vanceville Church continues to have good attendance, considering the distance some members have to travel, the unfavorable weather and the flu epidemic. With the good weather this spring and summer we are looking forward to more interest and increased attendance, especially in the Sunday School and the young people's meetings.

During February Mrs. Floyd Tanner, Mrs. Ray Carpenter, and the Pilgrim Fellowship began a visitation program in the community, inviting people to come to church.

More than \$100 worth of new Hymnals were purchased for the church.

On Feb. 16 the W. T. Cooper family attended the wedding of Miss Sara Lee Head and Ben Cooper at the Deacon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Jack Abbott, Dan Cherry, Miss Wylenne and Miss Eillene Cooper were delegates to the annual Pilgrim Fellowship meeting held in LaGrange on March 15-16. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cooper provided the transportation and were chaperones.

—Mrs. Rosie V. Matthews, reporter

Easter Sunday was a great day in the Langdale Church. The Union Sunrise Service was outstanding. We had 196 in Sunday School, 238 in Morning Worship and 100 Sunday evening.

Our "30 pieces of silver" offering came to a total of \$354.75.

We have many fine improvements around the church and parsonage: the new baptistry, new sidewalks around the church, new awnings over the side doors, new Hymnals, the shrubbery trimmed and a new roof and new linoleum for the parsonage.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention were Miss Maxine Lauderdale, Mrs. Louise Miles, Alton Davis, James Dollar, William Thornton, Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, who

served as chaplain for the annual meeting, and Odell Yancey, who is the SEC Moderator.

The East Alabama Women's Fellowship met at our church on April 13, with the Rev. Miss Lillian S. Gregory as the featured speaker. She was with us in the evening service, too, and is very, very outstanding. It was good to have Miss Campbell along too.

Miss Patsy Yancey has been honored again. She has received a scholarship to any college she chooses to attend from the National Elks Foundation. She is a delegate to the National Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in New York City in June. She is one of two delegates from the United States attending the World Girl Scout Congress in Mexico in July. The other delegate is from Rhode Island and is also a Congregational Christian!

Rev. Aubrey Manley, who is a charter member of this church, was our speaker at the Men's Fellowship in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sides presented their little Kathryn Diane for dedication on April 6.

The Rev. Clyde Fields was the Evangelist and the Rev. Roger Oldham led the singing for our revival April 20-25.

On June 1 the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, superintendent, will be our guest speaker for Homecoming Service.

What Is Christianity?

It is unreserved and full acceptance of Jesus Christ as the unique and divine Son of God and the absolute Savior of mankind. Then, in the home it is kindness; in business, it is honesty; in society, it is courtesy; in work it is fairness; toward the unfortunate, it is pity; toward the weak, it is help; toward the wicked, it is resistance; toward the strong, it is trust; toward the penitent, it is forgiveness; toward the fortunate, it is congratulations; toward God, it is reverence and obedience.

—from the church newsletter

Pilgrim Church of Birmingham reports progress on building plans. The committee is now getting close to what they consider will be a very fine contemporary church building and yet has the distinguishing features of a church. It will be new in structure and in design, with the triangular design ex-

pressing our Christian faith, the trinity — or faith, hope and love.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderegg, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Baldwin, Mrs. Fred Norton, Rev. C. W. Warren, and Richard Warren attended the SEC annual meeting April 19.

Delegates from the Pilgrim Fellowship attended the North Alabama Spring Rally at Cullman, Ala., in the St. John's E. & R. Church. Our own Robert Saunders is president.

Richard Warren, our SS Superintendent, has announced a Vacation Bible School June 9-20, to be held in the Mountain Brook area for children from 5 to high school.

Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. Fred Cameron, Miss Elizabeth Redden, Mrs. Locke White, Mrs. Allan Saunders, Mrs. Harry Caswell, Mrs. C. W. Baldwin, Mrs. Robert Hunter, Mrs. Chester Turner and Mrs. J. C. Turner attended the North Alabama Rally of the Women's Fellowship, held in Garden City, Ala.

Mrs. Stanley Sutton has reported 24 subscriptions to ADVANCE, which puts our church among those who subscribe 10 per cent or more.

Our Pilgrim Fellowship met April 13 with Miss Marcia Herman presiding, to hear glowing reports in regard to the Easter breakfast given by the PF and the SEC annual PF meeting in La-Grange.

The Birthday Dinner on April 11 was a howling success, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Hugh O. Hunter. Wonderful food, thanks to Mrs. Geo. Plosser; and the entertainment planned by Mrs. J. Fulton Brittain was riotous, and melodious. Mrs. Wm. Seadler as commentator of the Silly Hats Contest was superb — but you should have seen the models! Approximately \$150 was cleared.

Officers of the new Men's Club are Dr. S. Allen Price, president; Fred Cameron, vice president; Charles O. Glascock, secretary; Ed Schwarz, treasurer.

—from the church newsletter

The Lanett Church now has a fine outside bulletin board, thanks to the Men's Club and help from Ben Ray, Hardy Orrick, M. L. Reddin, Bill Hodnett, Reid Kent and others. Now people will know what church this is.

Thanks to the Missionary Auxiliary

and Fred Lashley, O. D. Sorrell and others, we have a beautiful kitchen in our church. Our carpenter, Mr. Thompson, did a fine job.

Many of our young folks attended the annual PF Convention in La-Grange, and our own V. R. Dobson presided as president. Our Valley Science Fair winner, Melvin Roquemore, was elected vice president. He is president of the District PF, and your pastor is Advisor.

Lanett Church joined with the other churches in Lanett in sponsoring a three - hour union service on Good Friday. Rev. Schofield was chairman, and the Ladies Trio sang.

On April 11 the Auxiliary presented a play, "Old Maid's Convention," in the Lanett Grade School auditorium.

Miss Carolyn French, daughter of the former pastor, gave a piano recital on April 27.

Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 2-13 for children from 4 years old through the 8th grade.

The planter and dish cabinet was removed from the parsonage living room and the ceiling and walls painted, with the help of O. D. Sorrell, Frank Moon and Bill Hodnett.

Sound equipment will be installed soon, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shaver. Others in our church are buying a tape recorder, a picture-scope and if possible an addressograph will be added to the office equipment.

From all reports we were good hosts to the Southeast Convention April 19-20. Our thanks to Herman Cook, our General Chairman, and to all his fine staff of chairman and committee members.

Our delegates were Dobbs Stodghill, Laurence Moncus, Nonny Looser, Lena Stevens, Woody Seymour and Melvin Roquemore. Your pastor was elected to the Committee on Ministry and Churches.

—from the church newsletters

Members of the Roanoke Antioch Church miss the Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Nelson, who have returned to serve the Huguley Church near Lanett.

On Feb. 23 our pulpit was filled by the Rev. Simon Bennett of Wadley, and on March 9 by the Rev. James A. Dollar of Lanett.

The Antioch Ladies Missionary Society is now having meetings each

month in the church. They have adopted as their project the securing of a new piano, which is very much needed.

—Anita K. Williams

The Haleyville Union Grove Church has much to be thankful for: the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sheiton are now residing in the new parsonage. The Women's Fellowship furnished the guest room and also provided a new rug for the kitchen. Bathroom fixtures and running water are being installed. The men of the church have given much time and effort to the completion of the parsonage.

The women have collected money and useful clothing for the needy as one of their projects.

—Mrs. Mamie Bridges, WF secy.

At Nashville Brookmeade Church the monthly square dance has proven a very popular activity for the young married couples and has served to introduce some new families to the church. The minister, Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, does the calling. Proceeds go to the Church Building Fund.

On April 27, following a fellowship dinner, the quarterly business meeting was held with reports from the Building Committee and plans for a Building Fund Campaign. Dr. Guy Owens, chairman of the Board of Trustees, agreed to be in charge of the campaign.

Church note paper, with a picture of the church, is being sold to members with profits going to the building fund. The Pilgrim Fellowship is donating half of the proceeds from their candy sale.

The monthly Adult Bible Study fellowship continues to grow. It is not a "typical" Bible class, but a stimulating and helpful discussion based on chapters of the New Testament.

Harry Hokemeir has provided a new church sign on the corner of Bresslyn and Davidson Roads.

Rev. Flannery was one of the ministers of Nashville selected (for the second year) to participate in the Communion Service in the Upper Room Chapel on Ash Wednesday.

The Pilgrim Fellowship is studying "Christian Faith and Purpose" during April.

The Music Committee elected the following officers: Mrs. A. A. Coult,
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chairman; Mrs. Gus K. Bell, secretary.

Mr. Flannery is Dean of the Kentucky - Tennessee Summer Conference, to be held June 8-14 in Pomona, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Granish, with Rev. Flannery, were delegates to the SEC annual meeting in Lanett. Mrs. Granish is president of the Women's Guild and Mr. Granish is chairman of the Board of Deacons.

—from the church bulletins

Chattanooga Pilgrim Church members sponsored a showing of the Albert Schweitzer film April 24-30.

Dr. Arthur Veith of the University of Chattanooga supplied the pulpit on April 20, when the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater were attending the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention. The Pilgrim Church is well represented in leadership and ability, with Mrs. Arnold Slater serving as Moderator for 1958-59; Stanley Riley, Evangelism Committee; Rev. Arnold Slater, chairman of Survey and Church Aid Committee; Mrs. Rufus Obrecht, Stewardship Committee; John Henley, Christian Education Committee; Mrs. Fred Muhleman, Christian Social Action; Rufus Obrecht, vice president Church Builders Club.

The Pilgrim Fellowship also is participating in convention - wide activities, with John Henley as chairman of the Faith Commission and Mary Stinecipher as his alternate. Ann Kampmeier was very active in the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship and has contributed much time and talent. Betty Slater was elected SEC chairman of the United Student Fellowship.

Family Night in March was a howling success, with Miss Grace Williams and Mrs. R. A. Kampmeier providing a delightful evening of entertainment. There was wonderful food and the Barber Shop Quartet.

On April 27 the Pilgrim Fellowship entertained the young people of the Mizpah Congregation. A film, "Do You Dig Fellowship?" was shown, preceded by a group discussion led by Martha Cunningham, social worker with teenage groups. The film features Dave

Bruebeck quartet and "sends" you into the realm of friendship.

Delegates from Pilgrim to the Women's Guild (E & R) meeting at Belvedere, Tenn., were Mrs. Arnold Slater, Mrs. Winifred Brown, Mrs. Archie Day and Miss Anna Grace Roberts.

—from church newsletters

On April 26 a Ground - breaking service for the new educational unit was held at the **Daisy Church**. Supt. Jas. H. Lightbourne, Jr. was the guest speaker.

On April 28 Dick Chamberlain, national PF chairman of the Action Commission, spoke to our young people.

The church received a total of \$339 in their Lenten Tithing Emphasis.

Attending the Women's Spring Rally in Knoxville were Mrs. Claude Pendergrass, Mrs. Paul Lewis, Mrs. Myrtle Yarnell, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Crosby.

The Rev. J. W. Davenport has not been feeling well recently. He and Mrs. Davenport were to have been delegates to the Southeast Convention annual meeting. Delegates who attended were Mrs. Claude Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis, Miss Dee Jenkins and Rev. and Mrs. Crosby.

Miss Jackie Griswold and Howard E. Jenkins, both seniors at Soddy - Daisy High School, appeared on the TV program, "J. C. Question of the Week."

Mrs. Harry Phelps was the counselor for the young people on March 15-16 at the PF Conference in LaGrange. Those attending were Miss Sue Schlieff, Miss Billie Orr, Miss Carolyn Griswold and Ronnie Sanders. The Rev. and Mrs. Crosby also attended, with Mr. Crosby participating in the banquet program.

SEC ministers attending the funeral of the Rev. George L. Day were the Rev. Jas. H. Lightbourne, Jr., Rev. Henry C. Weaver, Rev. Peter Doherty, and the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater.

The Rev. David Smith of Roanoke, Va., former minister at Soddy, returned to participate in the funeral services.

—from church news bulletins

Fisk University Institute

Sponsored jointly by the American Missionary Association Division of the Board of Home Missions and Fisk University, the 14th annual institute will be held this year June 30 - July 12.

The general purpose of the Institute is to orient leaders of local communities in the problems, processes and methods of implementing better inter-group relations.

Responsible leaders from 30 states, both north and south, will be in attendance. Special delegations from Puerto Rican, Spanish-speaking groups of the Southwest, church denominations, Indian American and other groups will help to enrich this experience.

A faculty drawn from the country's top authorities in social science, housing, religion and law will be available as lecturers and resource leaders.

Sessions are held in the air-conditioned facilities of Park Hall. Living and eating accommodations are provided in the Fisk University dormitories. The cost is \$80 for the two-week session. Institute members may earn three semester hours of academic credit.

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social adolescents involved in gang activities in the neighborhood of the church. He is author of **In But Not of the World**, an official study book in theology of the Interseminary Committee of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Hotchkiss joined the staff of the BHM in 1950 after receiving the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. From 1945 to 1947 he served as Army Chaplain on troop transport ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific

Dr. Hotchkiss was born in Spooner, Wis., and spent his boyhood and youth on a Wisconsin farm, attending a one-room school. He was graduated from Northland College, Ashland, Wis., and attended the Chicago Theological Seminary. For four years prior to the completion of his seminary training Dr. Hotchkiss served as pastor of three rural churches in Wisconsin.